

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2015
1:30 p.m.

A regular Board meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions located at 911 Leawood Drive in Frankfort, KY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Naiser
Peter Pearlman
Lisa Nelson Brown
Michael Hoagland
Steven Clark
Rebecca Hensley
William J. Brown
Tobie Brown

OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS STAFF

Diana Jarboe, Board Administrator

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Marcus Jones, Board Attorney

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Arun Gadre, M.D.

GUESTS

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the August 13, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Pearlman made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Naiser seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for November was reviewed.

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS REPORT

Ms. Jarboe reported the current events of O&P including the retirement of Executive Director, Gordon Slone, a reminder of the separation of administrative and legal services provided by O&P versus the Office of the Attorney General, O&P parking restrictions, and upcoming holiday hours for the office.

OLD BUSINESS

At the previous meeting, the Board members discussed purchasing an audiometer for use during state practical exams. Today, Mr. Naiser offered the Board to purchase an audiometer that he currently owns for \$500.00. Mr. Pearlman motioned for the Board to purchase the audiometer, Mr. Brown seconded the motion, and the motion carried, unanimously. Mr. Naiser did not participate in the voting.

NEW BUSINESS

In response to several questions from licensure applicants, the Board discussed ways of notifying all applicants of the exams required for licensure, including the ILE-CBT. It was decided that applicants will be issued a letter of acknowledgement upon receipt of their application. This letter will outline the exams required for licensure.

The Board reviewed the Department of Labor's National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards for Hearing Aid Specialists.

The Board reviewed correspondence from a licensure applicant requesting ADA accommodations for the state Board exams. The Board agreed that a separate room for testing and extended time would be provided, if needed.

Meeting dates for 2016 were discussed. The Board member agreed on the following meeting dates for 2016:

2/12/16
4/28/16
4/29/16 exams
6/10/16
8/11/16
8/12/16 exams
10/14/16
12/8/16
12/9/16 exams

All Board meetings will be held at 1:30pm, at the Board offices. Exams will be held at 8:30am at the KY Transportation Cabinet.

COMPLAINTS

The Complaints Committee recommended closure of agency case 2015-02. Per 201 KAR 7:100, Section 3(d), the case will be turned over to the Davies County Attorney. Mr. Naiser seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Complaints Committee recommended dismissal of agency case 2015-04. Ms. Hensley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The following cases are ongoing:

- 2015-01
- 2015-02
- 2015-03
- 2015-05

APPLICATIONS

The Applications Committee made the following recommendations:

- Approval for Crystal Manninen, Lisa Cahill-Mays, Megan Cherry, Lisa Reedy, Patricia Wortley, and Abigail Sweeney to sit for the state exams.
- Approval for Neil Callahan, Brenda Plummer, Kayla King, Angela Minor, and Matt Schafer as HIS Apprentices.
- The HIS Apprentice application for Lisa Schultz was deferred. The Board has requested further information regarding the location of her Sponsor.
- Approval of the following Continuing Education Courses:
Amplifon – 2016 Elite Hearing Network Summit
The Education Committee recommended approval of the following:
Hearing Healthcare Instructional Institute – Professional Development
Hearing Healthcare Instructional Institute – Dealing with Difficult Customers & Complaints
Hearing Healthcare Instructional Institute – Wireless Technology Advances and Various Protocols
Hearing Healthcare Instructional Institute – Wireless Technology-Matching the Patient with the Product
Hearing Healthcare Instructional Institute – Bluetooth Systems: Protocols, Advantages, & Disadvantages
Hearing Healthcare Instructional Institute – Hands-on Programming & Pairing Wireless Products
Hearing Healthcare Instructional Institute – Sales Pathway
Hearing Healthcare Instructional Institute – Patient Pathway
Tammy Vaughan – credit for attending “Midsouth Conference on Communicative Disorders”

Mr. Pearlman seconded the recommendations of the Applications Committee and they were passed.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Mr. Pearlman motioned to approve travel and per diem. Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2016. The Complaints Committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. with the regular meeting of the Board beginning at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, Mr. Brown made a motion that the meeting would be adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoagland and carried.

Minutes Prepared by
Diana Jarboe
January 19, 2016